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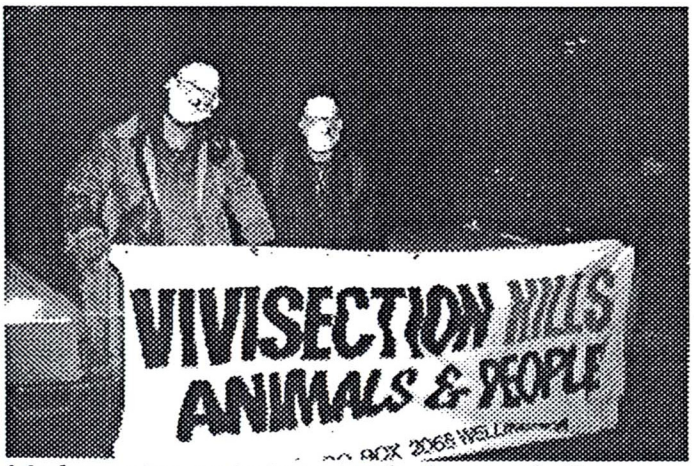
Chch cancer research ball

Cancer Society supporters turned out for their annual Winter Ball at the Christchurch Town Hall on June 15th. Anti vivisection protesters were also present to remind the ball goers that the money raised at the $100 a ticket event was spent on torturing animals in useless experiments. About thirty protesters greeted the guests with anti vivisection banners and graphic posters of mutilated animals. Meanwhile another group of activists had managed to "find" some tickets to the exclusive event and were let inside. After consuming several rounds of free drinks they redecorated the toilets and bathrooms with anti vivisection posters and stickers and then handed out leaflets to the guests. One man dressed as a large orange fish (the ball had a nautical theme) was thrown out after handing out just a few leaflets, but several other less visible activists managed to avoid security for 30 minutes all the while handing out leaflets and sticking stickers everywhere. They were finally thrown out after they tried to order vegan meals!



Mask wearing protesters outside the town hall

Daffodil Day cover up

The media presented a totally one-sided view of this year's vivisection fundraiser Daffodil Day. Protests in Auckland, although filmed by TVNZ were not shown and Christchurch media were silent even after two National Banks (sponsors of the Day) closed for the afternoon after receiving bomb threats. Police closed streets around the banks and evacuated staff. The bomb threats were almost certainly caused by animal liberation activists.

Later, cops told an activist they had been asked by the Cancer Society not to publicise any anti Daffodil Day protests or actions.

In Wellington protesters handed out over a thousand leaflets to shoppers warning them of the dangers of vivisection and encouraging them to boycott Daffodil Day.

The media silence is hardly surprising since all major media corporations are sponsors of Daffodil Day. If legal protest is ignored it is inevitable that illegal actions such as bomb threats and sabotage will increase.

protest photos inside . . .

Editorial

In recent months The Vegan Society, Vegetarian Lifestyle magazine and NZAVS have all closed down. Some people say this will lead to less activism for animals but we think the opposite will prove to be true. Already new active groups have started in Auckland and Wellington and all the active members of NZAVS have new projects underway. The Vegan Society is also restarting soon in different hands.

The future of animal liberation will be found in strong, active, local groups of committed activists, not in big national societies with hundreds of members who pay their subs and do nothing for the rest of the year. The big groups might have a lot of money, but if it just sits in the bank it's no use to the animals. Another advantage of local groups is that the people in the group can control what they are doing and decide which campaigns to do

On the back page we print a list of independent animal rights groups. If there is one in your area, get involved. If not, find some likeminded people and start your own group.

Daffodil Day protests

In Auckland 25 people protested against Daffodil Day outside the National Bank in Queen St. One was dressed as a rat and handed out 'rats have rights' balloons to kids while others handed out leaflets about animal rights, facts on cancer and the invalidity of animal research. A large black cross with a model rat crucified on it was also on display.

Above: Wellington anti Daffodil day protesters

Several members of the public gave donations to the protesters instead of giving to the Cancer Society stall at the bank and some people who had already donated returned their daffodils after seeing that the money goes to vivisection.

Other Auckland activists painted slogans on Daffodil Day posters around the city and vivisector Bruce Baguley of the Auckland School of Medicine awoke to find his house had been redecorated with anti vivisection slogans. The School of Medicine and the Auckland branch of the Cancer Society were also spraypainted by animal liberation people.

Left: Wellington activists distributing anti vivisection leaflets.

Dunedin McProtest

Dunedin activists crowded out the entrance to McDonald's on June 27th. Between forty and fifty people chanted noisily for an hour and then wandered (stormed?) into the McSludge branch before finishing the protest.

Gillette

An international week of action against Gillette has been called for Sept 25 to Oct 1. The week coincides with the anniversary of the founding of Gillette on September 28th. The aim is to force Gillette to give up their animal experiments. In New Zealand several groups around the country are planning things including a national phone Gillette day on Monday 25th September.

If enough people ring Gillette on the same day (Monday 25th) we can jam their phones and cause them to lose a lot of business on that day. The phone numbers are:

Toll free line - 0800 108 909
Auckland office - (09) 2621322
Christchurch warehouse - (04) 3660008

Ostrich Farms

Ostrich breeders have been advertising a lot lately, encouraging people to invest in a pair of ostriches. Why not phone them and let them know what you think of them.

Here are a couple of addresses.

Afro Ostrich farms
PO Box 2205
Auckland
phone 0800 11 66 33

E and J Crighton
Opaekete Ostrich Farm
Paiaka Rd
RD5 Levin
(06) 3684915

Anti Fur action in the U.S.

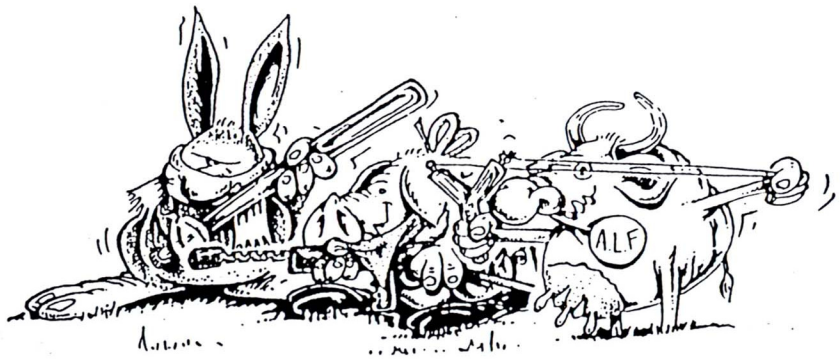
Thirty-nine people were jailed Sunday (23 July), as militant anti-fur activists stormed department stores selling animal furs from New York to California, blockading entrances, chaining themselves to clothes racks and generally disrupting business as usual.

A dozen cities were targeted in the direct action campaign, designed to encourage Federated Stores, Inc. - with 400 stores and $14 billion in sales annually, to stop selling fur. Security was extra heavy at the stores, and several stores removed all furs from the racks, or closed stores temporarily because of the protests.

Arrests totals include 10 in the Los Angeles area , Chicago (7), Memphis (4), Minneapolis (11). Disruptions, but with no arrests, also took place in Dayton, Philadelphia, Columbus and Indianapolis.

In Minneapolis, activists handcuffed themselves to a store entrance in the giant Mall of America before police closed all entrances to keep other activists and news media away.

The direct action campaign leveled at Federated Department Stores, Inc. is the most ambitious ever undertaken by animal rights activists, according to the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT). "This is only the first salvo in the campaign. We're declaring war on Federated," said J.P. Goodwin, spokesperson for CAFT.



We received the following statement in the mail, postmarked England . . .

Earth Nights
October 31 - November 5.

The Earth Liberation Front have yet again called for the annual Earth Nights. The time when all the "little people" come out and do their worst.

This will be the 4th such 'Halloween Smash' and the ELF hope it will be the biggest and widest yet. As always the call is for unity, asking all those from the animal liberation, earth liberation, anti-fascist, union/ worker, feminist and radical revolutionary groups to take the oppurtunity to act against those who are oppressing and destroying the earth.

No matter what the targets - vivisection labs, road building, bad company work practises, the nuclear industry, logging companies, race-hate groups, biotechnology etc - use the week together and triple the damage.

As always the ELF calls for no loss of life, only property.

Hit them where it hurts most - in their pockets!!

Media bias

New Zealand papers recently reported that a cop was stabbed at a live exports protest in England recently

However, it turned out he fell on a fence. Whether he was pushed or fell is anyones guess. Compared to the numerous and in many cases much more serious injuries (and of course one death) to campaigners which rarely get reported it is not something to get too excited about. At least he'll get sick pay unlike the activists with broken limbs.

Protests continue every day at live export ports in England.

Hidden Crimes

The National Animal Ethics Committee recently released its annual report. In it they stated that they were worried that the anti vivisection video 'Hidden Crimes' was being shown in high schools. NAEC spokesperson Catherine Smith said the video showed horrific scenes and was unethical, inaccurate and gruesome. Well, we think vivisection is unethical, inaccurate and gruesome! Catherine Smith was worried that the film might incite children to commit violence against vivisectors. Well, we wouldn't want that would we! Instead we at Animal Info suggest you write a polite letter to:

Catherine Smith
56 Orchard Ave
Hamilton

or phone her on **(07) 855-8296.** Remember, she is very busy promoting vivisection and is often out so the best time to phone her at home is 3am.

Warning: phone calls of a certain kind should only be done from public phone boxes!

Direct action for Animal Rights

The most important direct action you can take to help animals is to become vegan. The animal abuse industries exist to make money, so anyone opposed to animal exploitation should stop giving money to the leather, meat and dairy industries, who are responsible for the mass murder of nearly a million animals every week in this country.

The only way we will stop this slaughter is to disrupt their business and cost them time and money. Unfortunately the state says that profit and property is more important than saving lives so a lot of effective actions are illegal. As this country's government was founded by theives and murderers, truly compassionate people should feel free to ignore their laws and hit the abusers where it hurts. In the pocket!

We at ANIMAL-INFO do not know who carried out any of the actions on this page, the information comes from anonymous reports sent to us. Activists who are involved in illegal direct action should send us a note with the time place and other details of the action and we will include it in the next issue, but for your safety and for ours, make sure its anonymous and without any fingerprints or other evidence.

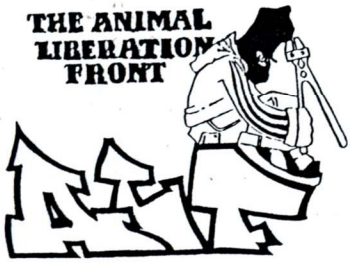
As well as letting us know, use the media. Be careful, and don't trust them, but if direct action is reported in the mainstream media it inspires others and lets the animal abusers know that people are taking action to stop them.

$1300 fine

A Dunedin man was convicted of wilful damage and ordered to pay $1300 damages after he was arrested soon after smashing the front window of McDonald's in Dunedin. Trevor Hayes told the judge he did it because he was offended by McDonald's environmental crimes.

If you would like to help Trevor cover the cost of his action, you can send donations to:

Trevor Hayes
c/- Dunedin Environment Centre
P.O. Box 5067
Dunedin



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JUNE

LEVIN: KFC covered in spraypainted slogans like "KENTUCKY FRIED CORPSE", "SMASH FACTORY FARMING" etc and rocks through the front window.

PALMERSTON NORTH: Three McDonalds advertising signs had "McSHIT" written all over them.

DUNEDIN: Front window of McDonald's smashed causing $1300 damage. Unfortunately one person arrested. (see article)

JULY

AUCKLAND: Several butcher and fish shops in Ponsonby Rd get their locks superglued.

WELLINGTON: KFC in Cambridge Terrace gets superglued and splattered in red paint.

WELLINGTON: Front window smashed at "Charcoal Chicken" in Cuba St.

AUGUST

AUCKLAND: Medical school at Auckland university covered in multi coloured anti vivisection slogans including "viviSICKtion" and "ALF".

WELLINGTON: Town Hall locks glued and slogan painted on door on eve of a vivisectors conference there.

WELLINGTON:
Vivisectors conference dinner at Skyline restaurant disrupted by fifteen masked activists who banged on doors and windows, shouted, and threw stuff.

CHRISTCHURCH:
Animal libbers make hoax bomb threats to two National Banks in Colombo St on Daffodil Day, closing both branches for several hours

AUCKLAND:
Auckland Zoo painted with slogans.

AUCKLAND:
Daffodil Day actions. Vivisector Bruce Baguley had his house painted with "Bruce Baguley butchers babies".

Auckland Med School spraypainted again.

Cancer Society offices painted with graffitti.

Levin Chronicle,
Friday June 30th

KFC target for graffiti

Animal activist comments covered Levin's Kentucky Fried Chicken this morning after an attack last night.

Head office market manager Nick Sealey said a window was also smashed in the attack.

Words such as 'Animal Liberation Front' were marked on walls around the building, he said.

Mr Sealey said it was the first time such an attack had ever happened at a KFC restaurant in New Zealand, and staff were shocked it had happened.

"You must realise that we all have tremendous power, it takes but one person to cost them millions. When you see the pictures of a masked liberator, stop asking who's behind the mask and look in the mirror!" Darren Thurston, Animal Liberation Front activist jailed for three and a half years after helping liberate 29 cats and damage equipment in a vivisection lab in Canada.

North America

The Animal Liberation Front has been active in the Syracuse, New York area, with several attacks on leather shops and Dairy industry targets in June. Several businesses involved in the meat trade have been firebombed in the same area.

There has been an increase in direct action in British Columbia, Canada recently.

A group calling itself Earth Liberation Army has carried out several arson attacks on guide outfitters in British Colombia, Canada and are also suspected of being behind the firebombing of a taxidermy/wildlife museum. They say". . .anyone doing business in the massacre of wild animals, as well as those in related industries are fair game"

500 pigeons freed

On August 28th ALF activists liberated 500 pigeons from a barn in Pennsylvania just days before they were due to be killed at the Hegins Pigeon Shoot

ALF activists cut the locks on the barn, stole six crates from the property, worked late into the night to place the birds into crates one by one, and spray painted "ALF" on the barn. The activists reportedly released the birds in a park where hunting is not allowed.

In a phone call to the office of The Fund For Animals the activists said, "We have been waiting all year for someone to stop the shoot, but these 500 birds had no more time to wait."

The Hegins pigeon shoot is the world's largest and most gruesome live bird shooting contest. Of the 5,000 birds shot each year, investigators from The Fund for Animals have documented that approximately 70 percent of the birds are not killed immediately, but wounded. Young children collect crippled birds, ripping off their heads, stomping on them, or throwing them into barrels to suffocate.

Every year animal activists attend the shoot rescuing birds from the pigeon shoot, treating them with medical care, and transporting them to various rehabilitation facilities.

United Kingdom

As usual, the ALF and other direct action groups are active all over England every night. And every weekend where ever fox hunters are, there are hunt saboteurs

Animal abusers in the town of Chichester have been hit particularly hard by the ALF and friends recently! In July an angling shop was re painted and had its windows removed by the ALF. A few days later five trucks belonging to a factory farm feed supplier were burnt out, and a truck belonging to Boots the vivisectors was repainted with ALF slogans. Unfortunately one person was arrested. In August Boot was closed for a day due to a bomb hoax, the angling shop lost its windows again and and several hunters had their cars modified. All this in one town!

Unfortunately we don't have any details of other actions as ALF news from England is very hard to get due to severe police harrassment of anyone who distributes news of animal liberation.

The ALF press officer cannot speak to the press anymore because he is facing serious court charges and may go to prison, and Green Anarchist magazine, which prints lists of ALF actions from around the world has been raided by police several times in recent months.

Eight people connected with Green Anarchist have been charged with conspiracy to incite arson and copies of GA#38 have been confiscated from bookshops. The good news is the latest issue has sold out in England due to the increased publicity. There are still some copies available in NZ though. Be quick. $4 to S.R. distro, PO Box 6387, Wellington

ALF actions also continue all over the rest of England every night

Europe

In Czech, animal libbers have been very active, In May 200 people turned up to an anti-McDonald's demo in Prague and smashed the windows. Total damage $20,000. The ALF are also active. In Brno damage has been done to a vivisection lab and a fur shop, and in Vysko circus vans have had tyres slashed and one was tipped on its side by ALF activists

Earlier this year a hot dog stand in Sweden was blown up by animal rights people!

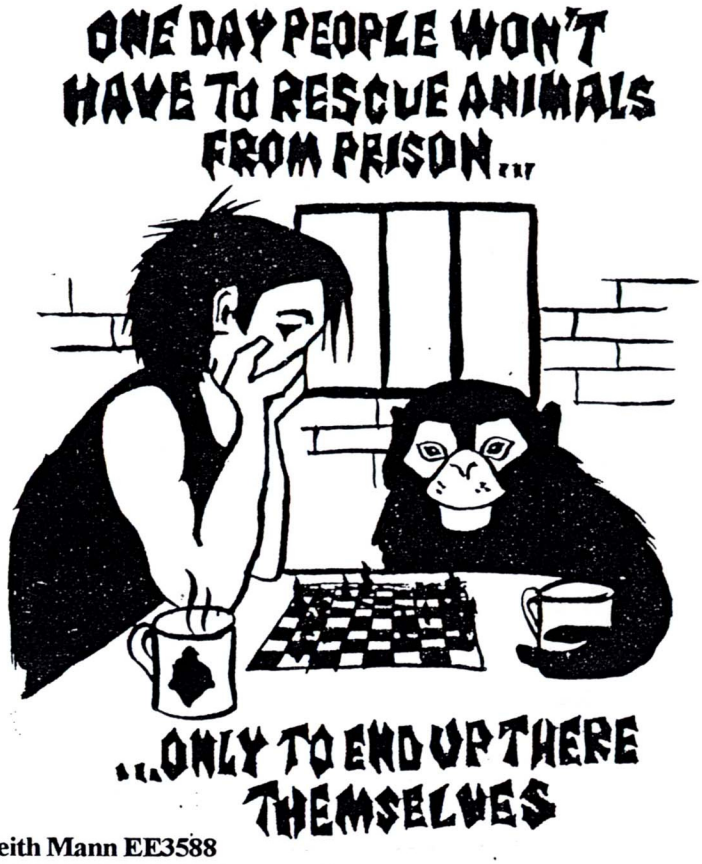
In Helsinki, Finland recently there were 100 attacks on fur shops in a single month and 200 foxes were liberated from 4 fur farms. We have heard that two people in Finland have been arrested but no details are available yet.

In Poland some McDonald's have been burnt down and others have received bomb threats and razor blades in the post. It seems that where ever Ronald McDonald goes, people hate him!

ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS

It is essential that prisoners are supported as they have given up their liberty in the cause of animal liberation. Prison is not a pleasant place but it is also not the nightmare the authorities would have us believe. Everyday thousands survive in prisons all over the world without any support. With your help animal liberation prisoners can have an easier time of their incarceration. Think of the sacrifice the activists have made and then ask yourself if you cannot spend a few minutes a week writing a letter to them, or a few dollars to send them a book or magazine. Prison attempts to isolate and discourage, with your help prisoners will come out feeling strengthened not demoralised.

This list was accurate as of 6th September 1995



Melanie Arnold GJ0940
HMP Pucklechurch, Pucklechurch, Bristol, BS17 3QJ, England.
On remand in relation to an arson attack on abottoir in Gloucester. Several trucks and buildings were wrecked in the attack

Gurjeet Aujla HV2047
HMP Leicester, 118 Welford Road, Leicester, LE2 7AJ.
On remand for alleged Justice Department Actions

Greg Avery HV3313
HMP Birmingham, Winston Green Road, Birmingham, B18 4AS
Remand prisoner charged with conspiracy to commit criminal damage.

Dave Callender HV3314
HMP Birmingham, Winston Green Road, Birmingham, B18 4AS
Remand prisoner charged with conspiracy to commit criminal damage.

Michael Green VA2923
HMP Gloucester, Barrack Square, Gloucester, GL1 2JN, England.
On remand in relation to an arson attack on abottoir in Gloucester.

Angie Hamp TW1687
HMP New Hall, Dial Wood, Flocton, WF4 4AX, England
Sentenced to 4 years for conspiracy to commit arson. The actual raid in question caused 3/4 million pounds worth of damage to a slaughterhouse.

Niel Hanson HF3184
HMP The Mount, Bovingdon, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP3 0NZ, England.
Sentenced to 3 for Conspiracy to dispatch a hoax bomb and criminal damage to the property of the public relation officers of Glaxos (vivisectors).

Keith Mann EE3588
HMP Full Sutton, Nr Stamford Bridge, York, YO4 1PS, England.
Sentenced to 14 years for Arson attack on meat vehicles, inciting others to cause criminal damage, escape from jail and conspiracy to cause explosions.

Lise Olsen B48426
PO Box 5001, KMSU, Dwight, IL 60420, USA.
Sentenced to 4 years for hanging homemade lanterns by an anti-fur banner. Prosecution successfully claimed they were incendiary devices.

Michelle Ratcliffe RL1456
HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Road, Holloway, London, N7 0NU, England.
On remand on charges of an arson attack on a lairage connected with live exports at Shoreham harbour.

Geoff Sheppard MD1030
HMP Wandsworth, PO Box 757, Heathfield Road, London, SW18 3HS, England.
On remand facing charges of planting incendiary devices and possession of a shotgun. This is the second time Geoff has been in prison for alledged animal lib activities.

Remember, all letters to prisoners are opened and read by the prison, so don't write anything that will get you or the prisoner in trouble. Also some prisons restrict the number of letters a prisoner can send, so don't always expect a reply.

Support Groups

We haven't got space for anything more than names addresses and a summary of what each prisoner is in for. If you want more details we suggest you write direct to one of the following groups

North American ALF Supporters Group
P.O. Box 69597
5845 Yonge St
Willowdale, Ont.
Canada M2M 4K3
Issue 3 of their magazine 'Underground' is due out this month and is always a good read. They raise money to support prisoners and also sell lots of ALF merchandise which must be ordered from the following address.
NA-ALFSG Distro
Box 241532
Memphis TN
38124, USA

ALF Supporters Group
BCM 1160
London WC1N 3XX
Their magazine has letters and articles from prisoners and they raise money by selling ALF shirts, stickers and other stuff

Anarchist Black Cross
c/o 121 Railton Road
London SE24 OLP
Supports class struggle and anarchist prisoners. The London group can put you in touch with ABC groups several countries.

Earth Liberation Prisoners Newsletter
c/o Box 23, 5 High St, Glastonbury, Somerset, England
This is really good. Has news of people imprisoned by the system for animal liberation, anti-fascist , anti-war, native land rights and other issues

Justice for Keith Mann
c/o ICA, PO Box 1135
Downs Veiw Rd
Hassocks
West Sussex BN6 8AA, England
This group has been set up to try and get Keiths outrageous 14 year sentance reduced. They have leaflets petitions badges etc. Send a donation.

Rod Coronado Support Committee
2530 Berryessa Rd.
#820, San Jose
CA 95132, USA
Rod Coronado has been sentenced to four and a half years prison after he pled guilty to aiding and abetting arson attacks on the fur industry in the United States. His prison sentence is due to start this month. Write to him care of this address.

Anti Military Prisoners of Peace

On 7th of August two ploughshares actions occured in the United States.

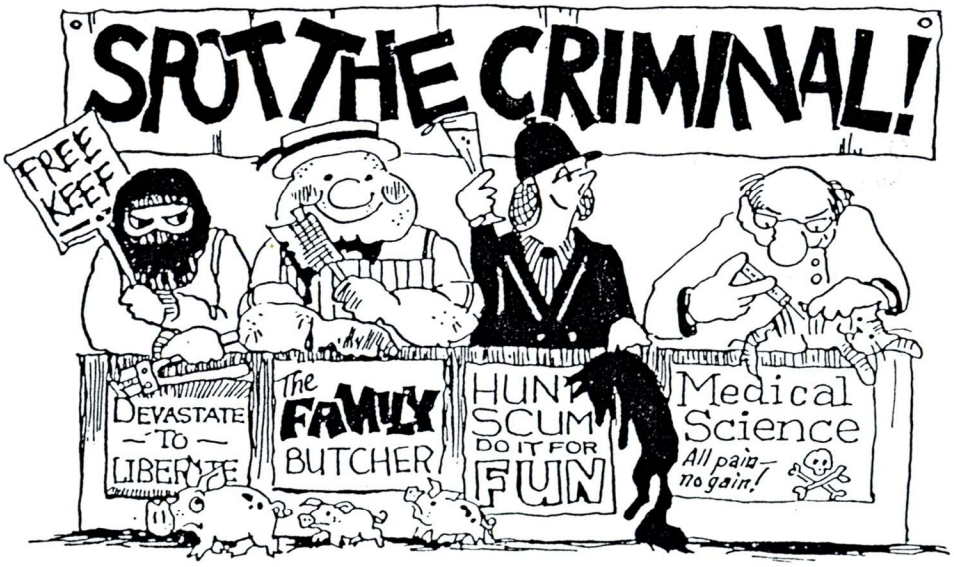
On the East coast four peace activists entered the premises of a shipbuilding company in Virginia and had a smashing time hammering on four missile hatches on a nuclear attack submarine.

At the same time, on the west coast two of their friends entered the Lockheed-Martin factory in California and hammered and poured blood over, a trident nuclear missile.

All six were arrested and remanded in prison. Since then, Rick Seiber has been released after other inmates beat him up. Letters of Support to:

Amy Moose
Michele Naar-Obed
Rick Seiber
Erin Seiber
(all at) c/o Jubilee Plowshares - East Support Group, 1321 W.38th Street, Norfolk, VA 23508, USA

Steve Kelly
Susan Crane
(both at) c/o Earl Johnson, PO Box 1245, San Leandro, CA 94577, USA



useful information

Reading

These are some of the things that we have been reading recently. Send us your stuff, if we like it we reveiw it!

This is the ALF.
Anonymously produced by NZ ALF activists, this booklet shows how to set up an ALF group, how to cause animal abusing businesses to lose a lot of money and how to rescue animals from factory farms. Copies available from us for $2

Aotearoa Youth Network Magazine
This is a monthly radical zine from Dunedin. This is one of the most up to date sources of news and events for radicals and other hooligans. Subs $10 from 111 Moray Place, Dunedin.

Green Anarchist #38
This issue has sold out in the UK due to increased publicity after cops arrested GA workers for incitement. It has a great article on the AIDS fraud, several articles on primitivism, as well as direct action news from around the world and heaps more. In NZ Savage State still has a few copies, $4 to PO Box 6387 Te Aro, Wellington. Future issues available from BCM 1715, London WC1N 3XX

Savage State #3
Anarcho punk hooligan magazine. This issue reprints Green Anarchists AIDS Fraud article, English live export protests, Punk rock, local and overseas anti fascist news. Available from their new address, PO Box 6387, Wellington.

Varicose #1
New from Wellington. Music, Feminism, Daffodil Day protests and ALF news. From PO Box 6387, Wellington

Coming up

September 28
Anniversary of the founding of the Gillette company. American groups have called for an international week of action against Gillette around this date. Posters and anti Gillette leaflets available from Animal Info. Please organise anti Gillette stuff for this week

October 6,7,8
Mind and Body Exhibition, Expo Centre Greenlane. Auckland. Includes stalls and info about animal rights, anti vivisection and veganism.

October 16
World Food Day and World Anti McDonald's Day. Contact McLibel Support Campaign if you want to get involved in protests etc.

October 31 to November 5
Fourth Annual Earth Nights. All over the world the "little people" come out and do their worst, destroying the property of those who are destroying the earth. More details inside.

November 1
World Vegan Day. The anniversary of the founding of the Vegan Society in England. If you are thinking of doing something naughty to the dairy industry, do it today!

Things to read (continued)

White Garden#2
Auckland punk rock and animal rights zine. Available for $2 from PO Box 68121, Newton, Auckland

Earth First! Journal
PO Box 1415 Eugene
OR 59806, USA
Has good coverage of radical eco actions and news.

Addresses

If you want to be included in this list send us your groups address and a summary of what sort of things you do.

The Vegan Society
PO Box 876, Auckland
A new address as a different group of people are now running this group

Auckland Vegan group
PO Box 68-121, Newton, Auckland
They promote veganism and animal liberation. Planning to campaign against the dairy industry and others

McLibel Support Campaign
PO Box 14-156, Kilbirnie, Wellington
They coordinate protests against the junkfood empire and do publicity and support for the two english activists being sued by McDonald's for telling the truth about the junkfood empire.

Wellington Animal Action
PO Box 6387 **Te Aro, Wellington**
Open to any Wellington people interested in active campaigning for animal liberation

ALLARM
c/- UCSA, University of Canterbury, Christchurch.
or c/- LUSA, PO box 7, Lincoln University, Canterbury
Branches of ALLARM are on both Universitys. At Lincoln they have been raising awareness of animal rights issues by giving away yummy veggie lunches and info to students

Animal Rights Movement
C/- O.U.S.A., University of Otago, Dunedin
We haven't heard much from Dunedin lately, but if you are in Dunedin get involved.

Conflict Gypsy

read is the new green

this publication and many more can be found on conflictgypsy.com, the free archive of old & rare direct action news